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**GROUP ART UNIT 2624**

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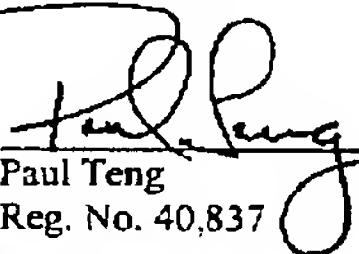
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 24, 2009 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated November 24, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** section which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.